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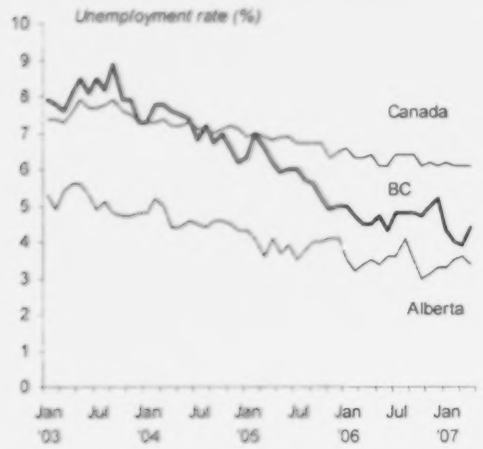
Labour Force Statistics ◆ April 2007

HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

Unemployment rate rises to 4.4% in April



British Columbia's unemployment rate increased half a percentage point to 4.4% in April as employment in the province shrank (-0.7%) for the first time since November. As was the case last fall, the job losses were concentrated in the service sector (-1.1%).

Many service industries shed workers, with the biggest declines seen in education (-2.6%), finance, insurance & real estate (-2.7%), health care (-2.8%) and accommodation & food services (-3.5%). Together, these industries employ about a third of the province's workers. Transportation & warehousing (-0.9%) and wholesale & retail trade (-1.0%) also cut back on the size of their workforce.

In the goods sector, employment was up 0.5% as construction (+1.6%), utilities (+6.1%) and forestry, fishing & mining (+8.6%) were all hiring workers. However, manufacturing employed 1.6% fewer people than in March.

Despite the recent uptick, the unemployment rate remains near an historic low and labour market conditions continue to be robust, with the economy at or near full-employment.

Women, part-time and public sector workers less likely to be employed

Women (-1.4%) felt the effects of April's job losses more than men (-0.2%). Public sector employment was down 1.2%, reflecting the downsizing in education and health care last month. At the same time, private sector employment slipped 0.6%, and the ranks of the self-employed fell back 0.8%.

Not surprisingly, given that many of the job losses were in the service sector where part-time employment is more common, the number of part-time jobs in the province shrank 3.6%. Full-time employment was unchanged from March.

The unemployment rate for young workers (15 to 25) rose 0.3 percentage points, to 7.6%, half the increase seen in the more experienced workforce (aged 25 and over), where the jobless rate jumped from 3.2% to 3.8%.

Average wages stable despite low jobless rate

The tight labour market conditions experienced in western Canada are beginning to be affect prices, especially in Alberta, where higher wages have been exerting inflationary pressures on the economy. This has not yet begun to occur in BC, but may come into play if current labour market conditions persist.

Hourly wages in BC remain above the Canadian average, but the gap has been shrinking during the last decade. In contrast, wages in

Alberta have climbed significantly in the last four years and workers in that province typically earn $1.88 per hour more than the Canadian average. BC workers earn just $0.30 an hour more ($20.56 per hour) than the Canadian average. In the goods sector, workers in BC receive virtually the same hourly wage ($21.54) as other Canadians, but service sector workers ($20.30) are better compensated than their counterparts in the rest of Canada.

Wages in BC have not increased as much as in the rest of Canada

Regional unemployment rates still relatively low

Among the regions, unemployment rates ranged from 3.7% *(3-month moving average, unadjusted)* in Northeast[1] to 8.6% in North Coast/Nechako. Kootenay (5.7%), where the rate was nearly three percentage points lower, had the second-highest unemployment rate in the province. Mainland/Southwest's jobless rate was just 3.8%. Cariboo and North Coast/Nechako continued to lose workers, as employment and the labour force declined in tandem. Job growth slowed to +0.4% in Vancouver Island/Coast, but Mainland/Southwest, together with most other regions of the province, saw the unemployment rate improve as labour force growth fell short of the increase in the number of jobs.

Kelowna's unemployment rate dropped to 3.0%, and Vernon[1] recorded a rate of 3.2%. Vancouver Island/Coast's relatively high jobless rate (5.3%) was largely due to labour market conditions outside the Capital region. Victoria's unemployment rate was 3.1%, but residents of Nanaimo (7.7%) were much more likely to be looking for work. Similarly, Prince George, the largest city in Cariboo, had a much lower incidence of unemployment (4.1%) than was the case in the region as a whole (5.2%).

The Nation

Nationally, both employment and the size of the labour force were unchanged, and the Canadian jobless rate remained at 6.1%. In recent months, unemployment rates have been improving in most parts of the country, and the April results marked only the second time since 1976 that Newfoundland has been the only province with a double-digit jobless rate (the only other time this occurred was in May 2006).

[1] BC Stats estimate using data supplied by Statistics Canada

Selected Statistics	Apr-07	Mar-07	Apr-06
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	3.9	4.5
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.1	6.4
BC Employment ('000)	2,249	2,265	2,191
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.4	65.6
April % change in employment relative to:	-	-0.7	2.6
April % change in labour force relative to:	-	-0.1	2.6

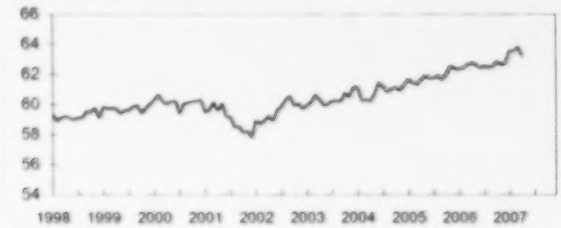
1 Summary for April 2007--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current April 2007		Previous Month March 2007		One Year Ago April 2006		Change from March 2007		Change from April 2006	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3557.1		3551.7		3497.2		0.2%		1.7%	
Labour Force ('000)	2333.3	2353.8	2336.3	2357.3	2273.0	2294.9	-0.1%	-0.1%	2.7%	2.6%
Employment ('000)	2225.9	2249.1	2245.8	2265.4	2169.1	2191.1	-0.9%	-0.7%	2.6%	2.6%
Unemployment ('000)	107.4	104.7	90.5	91.9	104.0	103.8	18.7%	13.9%	3.3%	0.9%
Employment Rate[1]	62.6%	63.2%	63.2%	63.8%	62.0%	62.7%				
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.4%	3.9%	3.9%	4.6%	4.5%				
Participation Rate	65.6%	66.2%	65.8%	66.4%	65.0%	65.6%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,475.9		26,441.5		26,100.2		0.1%		1.4%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,699.4	17,890.2	17,663.0	17,892.8	17,334.5	17,532.7	0.2%	0.0%	2.1%	2.0%
Employment ('000)	16,575.7	16,793.2	16,512.5	16,798.4	16,195.9	16,419.0	0.4%	0.0%	2.3%	2.3%
Unemployment ('000)	1,123.7	1,097.0	1,150.5	1,094.4	1,138.6	1,113.8	-2.3%	0.2%	-1.3%	-1.5%
Employment Rate[1]	62.6%	63.4%	62.4%	63.5%	62.1%	62.9%				
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.1%	6.5%	6.1%	6.6%	6.4%				
Participation Rate	66.9%	67.6%	66.8%	67.7%	66.4%	67.2%				

BC Unemployment Rate*:

*Seasonally adjusted

BC Employment[1] Rate*:



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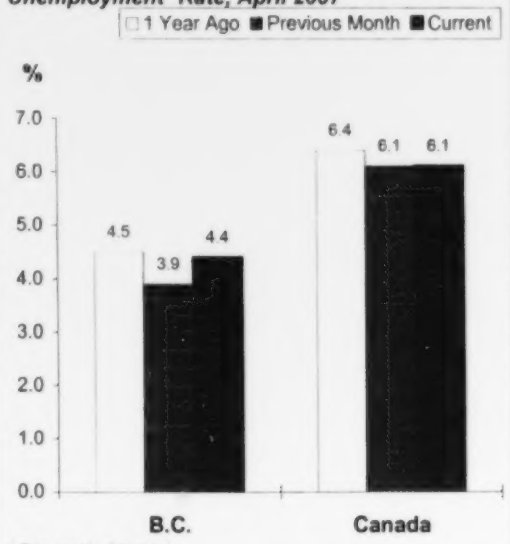
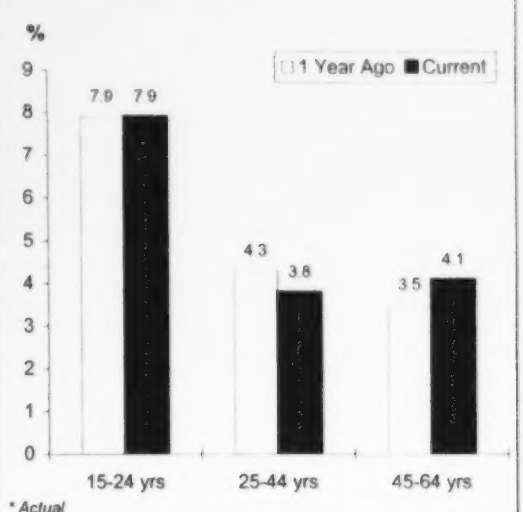
Unemployment* Rate, April 2007



** Seasonally Adjusted*

BC Unemployment* Rates by Age, April 2007



** Actual*

[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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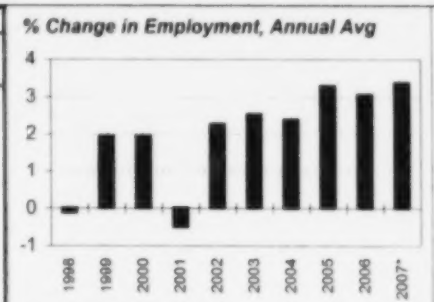
Source: Statistics Canada

2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

Actual

	Labour Force ('000)	% Chg	Employed ('000)	% Chg	Unemployed ('000)	% Chg	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
1997	2,030.6		1,860.5		170.1		8.4	65.5
1998	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	8.8	64.9
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6
2006	2,305.1	1.8	2,195.5	3.1	109.6	-17.5	4.8	65.7



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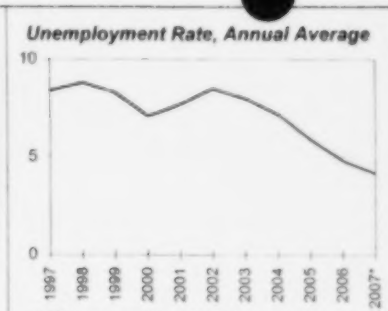

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Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force ('000)	% Chg*	Employed ('000)	% Chg*	Unemployed ('000)	% Chg*	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
2006 Jan	2,252.5	1.6	2,122.5	3.1	130.0	-18.1	5.8	64.7
Feb	2,260.2	0.8	2,141.7	3.5	118.5	-30.9	5.2	64.8
Mar	2,267.9	1.7	2,164.9	4.1	102.9	-30.9	4.5	64.9
Apr	2,273.0	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	104.0	-25.0	4.6	65.0
May	2,315.6	1.8	2,202.6	3.0	113.1	-17.2	4.9	66.1
Jun	2,317.1	1.4	2,226.3	3.1	90.9	-27.6	3.9	66.0
Jul	2,347.5	1.8	2,228.2	3.1	119.3	-18.1	5.1	66.8
Aug	2,349.5	1.6	2,222.3	2.6	127.2	-13.1	5.4	66.8
Sep	2,311.9	2.3	2,211.0	3.2	100.9	-13.2	4.4	65.6
Oct	2,325.0	2.7	2,228.1	3.1	96.9	-6.8	4.2	65.9
Nov	2,314.9	1.9	2,209.1	1.9	105.8	2.5	4.6	65.5
Dec	2,325.6	2.6	2,219.6	2.4	106.0	7.1	4.6	65.7
2007 Jan	2,325.4	3.2	2,213.4	4.3	112.0	-13.8	4.8	65.6
Feb	2,324.3	2.8	2,221.2	3.7	103.1	-13.0	4.4	65.5
Mar	2,336.3	3.0	2,245.8	3.7	90.5	-12.1	3.9	65.8
Apr	2,333.3	2.7	2,225.9	2.6	107.4	3.3	4.6	65.6
May								
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Average:								
Jan-Apr06	2,263.4		2,149.6		113.9		5.0	64.9
Jan-Apr07	2,329.8		2,226.6		103.3		4.4	65.6
% Change	2.9		3.6		-9.3			

	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
2006 Jan	2,282.7		2,169.0		113.7		5.0	65.5
Feb	2,283.1	0.0	2,176.3	0.3	106.8	-6.1	4.7	65.5
Mar	2,289.5	0.3	2,187.1	0.5	102.4	-4.1	4.5	65.6
Apr	2,294.9	0.2	2,191.1	0.2	103.8	1.4	4.5	65.6
May	2,301.1	0.3	2,192.1	0.0	109.1	5.1	4.7	65.7
Jun	2,290.4	-0.5	2,190.9	-0.1	99.5	-8.8	4.3	65.3
Jul	2,305.6	0.7	2,195.6	0.2	110.0	10.6	4.8	65.6
Aug	2,307.7	0.1	2,196.5	0.0	111.3	1.2	4.8	65.6
Sep	2,314.9	0.3	2,202.7	0.3	112.2	0.8	4.8	65.7
Oct	2,325.1	0.4	2,215.2	0.6	109.9	-2.0	4.7	65.9
Nov	2,326.0	0.0	2,210.4	-0.2	115.6	5.2	5.0	65.8
Dec	2,340.7	0.6	2,218.5	0.4	122.2	5.7	5.2	66.2
2007 Jan	2,352.0	0.5	2,250.2	1.4	101.8	-16.7	4.3	66.4
Feb	2,347.4	-0.2	2,252.9	0.1	94.6	-7.1	4.0	66.2
Mar	2,357.3	0.4	2,265.4	0.6	91.9	-2.9	3.9	66.4
Apr	2,353.8	-0.1	2,249.1	-0.7	104.7	13.9	4.4	66.2
Average:								
Jan-Apr06	2,287.6		2,180.9		106.7		4.7	65.6
Jan-Apr07	2,352.6		2,254.4		98.3		4.2	66.3
% Change	2.8		3.4		-7.9			

* Per cent changes for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, per cent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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3a Employment ('000) by Province

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1997	1,860.5	1,451.4	466.2	525.6	5,291.4	3,172.8	309.1	382.0	58.8	188.3	13,706.0
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2006	2,195.5	1,870.7	491.6	587.0	6,492.7	3,765.4	355.4	441.8	68.6	215.7	16,484.3

Employment Change*('000), April 2007

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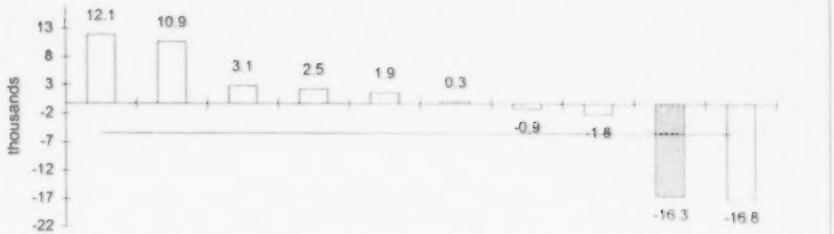

* Current month over previous month (saadj)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2006 Jan	2,122.5	1,780.2	470.8	574.1	6,337.6	3,639.1	342.9	425.0	63.0	193.9	15,949.1	2,169.0	1,814.6	483.1	585.7	6,452.8	3,745.0	359.2	442.7	68.7	209.3	16,330.1
Feb	2,141.7	1,812.8	471.9	577.6	6,340.6	3,667.5	342.4	423.7	63.6	199.9	16,041.7	2,176.3	1,838.0	482.6	586.4	6,434.9	3,748.6	358.7	441.8	68.9	215.3	16,351.4
Mar	2,164.9	1,824.4	474.4	574.2	6,359.6	3,675.3	343.4	428.7	63.2	198.5	16,106.7	2,187.1	1,844.7	484.2	582.9	6,467.3	3,754.8	358.9	443.3	67.8	212.5	16,403.5
Apr	2,169.1	1,821.5	480.0	582.1	6,419.6	3,674.4	345.4	436.4	64.8	202.6	16,195.9	2,191.1	1,847.6	488.3	587.6	6,484.3	3,730.8	359.2	445.9	69.5	214.8	16,419.0
May	2,202.6	1,899.2	496.1	596.5	6,582.9	3,789.4	365.0	451.8	72.7	220.0	16,676.0	2,192.1	1,876.6	487.1	588.1	6,517.4	3,763.5	358.8	443.1	69.6	216.3	16,512.6
Jun	2,226.3	1,908.8	503.4	599.1	6,624.9	3,860.0	373.6	453.5	74.3	230.8	16,854.5	2,190.9	1,869.6	489.7	588.2	6,513.6	3,769.7	356.9	439.4	68.5	214.4	16,500.8
Jul	2,228.2	1,897.8	504.8	593.2	6,608.5	3,887.6	373.0	453.0	73.5	237.1	16,856.8	2,195.6	1,870.1	491.8	585.8	6,510.4	3,771.1	354.5	437.5	67.7	213.3	16,497.8
Aug	2,222.3	1,906.2	501.5	595.1	6,598.2	3,843.5	366.8	453.6	74.5	230.3	16,792.0	2,196.5	1,880.0	491.5	588.5	6,495.0	3,768.1	350.3	437.3	68.3	216.1	16,491.5
Sep	2,211.0	1,886.2	499.1	590.1	6,472.7	3,809.8	357.1	443.4	71.2	225.3	16,565.9	2,202.7	1,882.1	497.7	588.4	6,489.4	3,776.9	349.7	440.0	68.5	217.7	16,512.9
Oct	2,228.1	1,901.7	501.7	590.1	6,505.2	3,805.4	355.5	445.2	69.2	221.4	16,623.4	2,215.2	1,902.7	499.9	588.1	6,491.3	3,785.3	353.0	441.6	67.9	219.4	16,564.4
Nov	2,209.1	1,909.7	497.9	586.5	6,518.8	3,776.0	350.7	443.2	67.4	216.1	16,575.5	2,210.4	1,912.3	500.3	587.5	6,509.2	3,783.4	352.5	444.3	68.8	219.2	16,587.9
Dec	2,219.6	1,899.5	497.3	585.4	6,543.9	3,757.5	349.0	444.5	66.0	211.9	16,574.5	2,218.5	1,908.4	502.8	587.6	6,546.6	3,789.4	354.3	445.4	68.6	218.9	16,640.4
2007 Jan	2,213.4	1,901.9	493.4	579.8	6,437.2	3,701.1	342.4	432.4	64.8	198.6	16,364.9	2,250.2	1,932.5	505.1	590.7	6,554.2	3,804.1	357.3	449.1	70.2	215.8	16,729.3
Feb	2,221.2	1,916.7	492.5	582.6	6,460.0	3,720.3	344.7	433.6	64.8	203.0	16,439.5	2,252.9	1,938.7	503.3	590.5	6,560.2	3,799.0	359.8	450.8	69.9	218.3	16,743.5
Mar	2,245.8	1,921.3	494.7	585.8	6,463.8	3,753.5	345.2	433.2	65.4	203.6	16,512.5	2,265.4	1,938.6	504.4	593.6	6,572.5	3,828.2	360.0	447.8	70.1	217.7	16,798.4
Apr	2,225.9	1,927.9	494.4	587.0	6,489.2	3,785.4	349.9	442.5	65.8	207.7	16,575.7	2,249.1	1,950.7	502.6	592.7	6,555.7	3,839.1	362.5	450.9	70.4	219.6	16,793.2
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Jan-Apr06	2,149.6	1,809.7	474.3	577.0	6,364.4	3,664.1	343.5	428.5	63.7	198.7	16,073.4	2,180.9	1,836.2	484.6	585.7	6,459.8	3,744.8	359.0	443.4	68.7	213.0	16,376.0
Jan-Apr07	2,226.6	1,917.0	493.8	583.8	6,462.6	3,740.1	345.6	435.4	65.2	203.2	16,473.2	2,254.4	1,940.1	503.9	591.9	6,560.7	3,817.6	359.9	449.7	70.2	217.9	16,766.1
% Change	3.6	5.9	4.1	1.2	1.5	2.1	0.6	1.6	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.4	5.7	4.0	1.1	1.6	1.9	0.3	1.4	2.1	2.3	2.4

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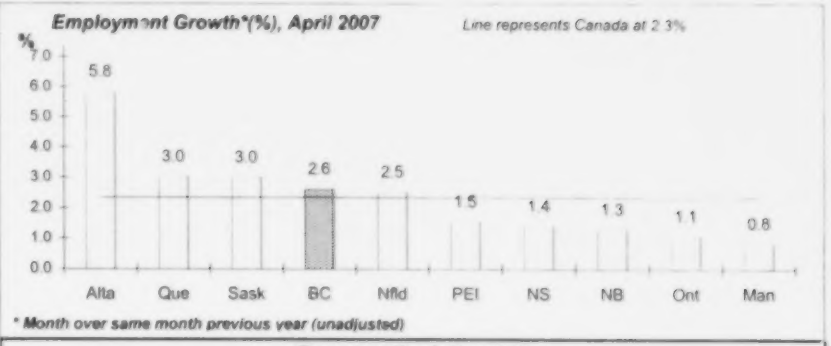
3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1997	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4	2.1
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2006	3.1	4.8	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4	-0.3	0.6	0.7	1.9



*Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2006 Jan	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7
Feb	3.5	3.7	-0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.6	-0.4	0.5	1.4	1.7
Mar	4.1	3.9	-1.1	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.9	0.3	-0.8	-1.5	2.1
Apr	3.7	3.8	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.8	2.6	0.5	2.0	1.2	1.9
May	3.0	5.5	0.2	1.6	1.9	2.5	1.4	-0.6	3.0	2.5	2.5
Jun	3.1	5.2	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.6	-0.9	1.4	-0.8	2.2
Jul	3.1	4.6	1.5	0.7	1.9	1.3	1.3	-1.2	-0.5	-2.0	2.0
Aug	2.6	5.2	1.9	1.4	1.4	0.8	-0.2	-1.6	0.8	1.8	1.7
Sep	3.2	5.6	3.9	1.4	0.8	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.7	1.9
Oct	3.1	6.2	4.5	1.2	0.5	1.2	1.2	-0.4	-0.7	2.5	1.8
Nov	1.9	6.3	3.9	0.5	0.9	1.1	-0.3	0.5	0.3	1.0	1.7
Dec	2.4	5.6	4.8	0.6	1.8	1.1	-0.3	1.1	0.2	4.1	2.1
2007 Jan	4.3	6.8	4.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	-0.1	1.7	2.9	2.4	2.6
Feb	3.7	5.7	4.4	0.9	1.9	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.9	1.6	2.5
Mar	3.7	5.3	4.3	2.0	1.6	2.1	0.5	1.0	3.5	2.6	2.5
Apr	2.6	5.8	3.0	0.8	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.5	2.3
May											
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	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2006 Jan	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	-0.1	1.1	0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.2
Feb	0.3	1.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	2.9	0.1
Mar	0.5	0.4	0.3	-0.6	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	-1.6	-1.3	0.3
Apr	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.3	-0.6	0.1	0.6	2.5	1.1	0.1
May	0.0	1.6	-0.2	0.1	0.5	0.9	-0.1	-0.6	0.1	0.7	0.6
Jun	-0.1	-0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.8	-1.6	-0.9	-0.1
Jul	0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.4	-1.2	-0.5	0.0
Aug	0.0	0.5	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	-1.2	0.0	0.9	1.3	0.0
Sep	0.3	0.1	1.3	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.1
Oct	0.6	1.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.4	-0.9	0.8	0.3
Nov	-0.2	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	1.3	-0.1	0.1
Dec	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
2007 Jan	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.8	2.3	-1.4	0.5
Feb	0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.4	-0.4	1.2	0.1
Mar	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.1	-0.7	0.3	-0.3	0.3
Apr	-0.7	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.0

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

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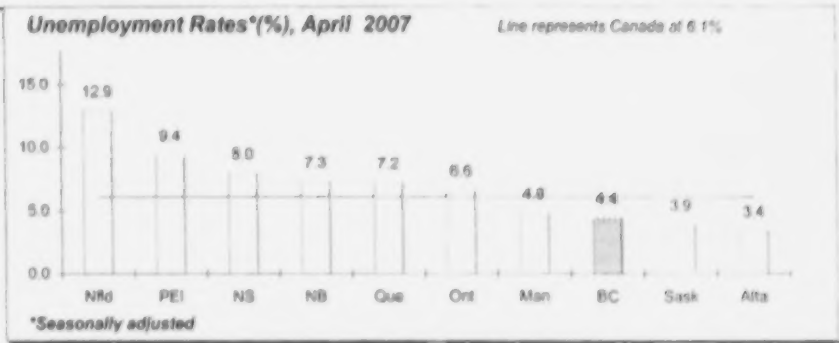
Source: Statistics Canada

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1997	8.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	8.4	11.4	12.7	12.2	15.4	18.4	9.1
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2006	4.8	3.4	4.7	4.3	6.3	8.0	8.8	7.9	11.0	14.8	6.3



Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2006 Jan	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2
Feb	5.2	3.2	5.8	4.7	6.3	8.9	10.6	9.5	14.0	16.7	6.7
Mar	4.5	3.3	5.6	4.5	6.5	9.0	10.2	9.0	15.4	17.4	6.7
Apr	4.6	3.6	5.2	4.9	6.1	8.7	10.7	8.8	14.6	18.9	6.6
May	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.6	6.1	7.6	9.0	8.0	8.8	15.9	6.1
Jun	3.9	3.2	4.1	3.0	5.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.0	13.1	5.6
Jul	5.1	3.8	4.6	4.8	7.2	7.8	8.6	7.9	9.4	11.9	6.7
Aug	5.4	4.5	5.8	5.3	7.1	7.8	8.8	7.8	8.4	13.8	6.8
Sep	4.4	3.2	3.9	4.1	6.3	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.6	11.8	5.9
Oct	4.2	2.9	3.3	3.7	5.8	7.0	7.2	7.2	9.2	12.8	5.6
Nov	4.6	3.2	3.5	4.3	5.9	7.9	7.8	7.1	11.4	13.3	5.9
Dec	4.6	3.2	3.9	4.0	5.4	7.5	8.2	6.8	13.6	14.1	5.7
2007 Jan	4.8	3.7	4.6	5.1	6.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	13.9	18.1	6.7
Feb	4.4	3.6	4.2	4.6	6.4	8.6	7.5	8.5	12.9	15.8	6.5
Mar	3.9	3.4	4.2	4.5	7.0	8.2	8.3	9.1	12.8	16.1	6.5
Apr	4.6	3.5	4.3	5.2	6.6	7.6	8.8	8.9	13.0	15.5	6.3
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Average:											
Jan-Apr06	5.0	3.5	5.6	4.7	6.4	9.1	10.3	9.1	14.6	18.0	6.8
Jan-Apr07	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.9	6.7	8.3	8.4	8.9	13.2	16.4	6.5

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
Jan-Apr06	4.8	3.4	5.1	4.4	6.3	8.3	9.1	8.0	11.2	15.7	6.4
Jan-Apr07	4.2	3.5	4.0	4.5	6.5	7.6	7.4	7.8	10.1	14.2	6.1

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1997	60.0	67.8	62.2	62.3	60.2	55.0	52.1	52.5	55.9	42.9	58.9
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7
2006	62.5	70.8	65.9	65.8	63.5	60.2	58.1	57.9	61.1	50.4	63.0
2006 Jan	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3
Feb	61.4	69.6	63.1	64.9	62.3	58.9	56.0	55.6	56.8	46.6	61.6
Mar	62.0	69.9	63.5	64.5	62.4	59.0	56.2	56.2	56.4	46.3	61.8
Apr	62.0	69.6	64.3	65.3	63.0	58.9	56.5	57.2	57.9	47.3	62.1
May	62.9	72.3	66.5	66.9	64.5	60.7	59.7	59.3	64.9	51.4	63.8
Jun	63.4	72.4	67.5	67.1	64.8	61.8	61.1	59.5	66.2	54.0	64.4
Jul	63.4	71.9	67.7	66.5	64.6	62.2	61.0	59.4	65.4	55.5	64.3
Aug	63.1	71.9	67.2	66.6	64.4	61.4	60.0	59.4	66.3	53.9	64.0
Sep	62.7	70.9	66.9	66.1	63.1	60.8	58.4	58.1	63.3	52.7	63.1
Oct	63.1	71.1	67.2	66.1	63.3	60.7	58.2	58.3	61.5	51.9	63.2
Nov	62.5	71.2	66.7	65.7	63.4	60.1	57.4	58.1	59.9	50.7	63.0
Dec	62.7	70.6	66.6	65.5	63.6	59.8	57.1	58.2	58.6	49.7	62.9
2007 Jan	62.5	70.4	66.1	64.8	62.5	58.9	56.0	56.6	57.4	46.6	62.0
Feb	62.6	70.7	65.9	65.1	62.7	59.1	56.3	56.8	57.4	47.7	62.2
Mar	63.2	70.7	66.1	65.4	62.6	59.6	56.4	56.7	58.0	47.8	62.4
Apr	62.6	70.8	66.0	65.5	62.8	60.1	57.1	57.9	58.3	48.9	62.6
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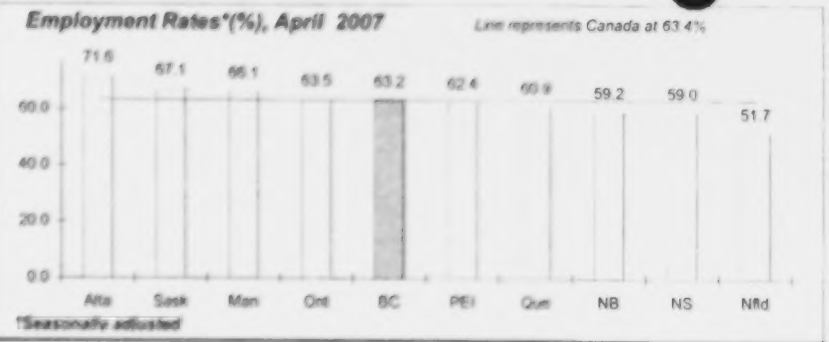
Average:											
Jan-Apr06	61.6	69.4	63.5	64.8	62.5	58.8	56.2	56.2	56.9	46.4	61.7
Jan-Apr07	62.7	70.7	66.0	65.2	62.7	59.4	56.5	57.0	57.8	47.8	62.3



Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2006 Jan	62.3	69.9	64.6	65.8	63.5	60.2	58.8	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.8
Feb	62.4	70.6	64.6	65.9	63.2	60.2	58.7	57.9	61.5	50.2	62.8
Mar	62.6	70.7	64.8	65.5	63.5	60.3	58.7	58.1	60.5	49.6	62.9
Apr	62.7	70.6	65.4	65.9	63.6	59.8	58.8	58.5	62.1	50.2	62.9
May	62.6	71.4	65.3	66.0	63.8	60.3	58.7	58.1	62.1	50.6	63.2
Jun	62.4	71.0	65.7	65.9	63.7	60.3	58.4	57.6	61.1	50.2	63.1
Jul	62.5	70.8	65.9	65.6	63.6	60.3	58.0	57.4	60.2	49.9	63.0
Aug	62.4	70.9	65.9	65.9	63.4	60.2	57.3	57.3	60.8	50.6	62.9
Sep	62.5	70.7	66.7	65.9	63.3	60.3	57.2	57.7	60.9	51.0	62.9
Oct	62.8	71.2	67.0	65.8	63.2	60.3	57.8	57.9	60.4	51.4	63.0
Nov	62.6	71.2	67.1	65.8	63.3	60.3	57.7	58.2	61.1	51.4	63.0
Dec	62.7	70.9	67.4	65.7	63.6	60.3	58.0	58.3	60.9	51.3	63.1
2007 Jan	63.5	71.5	67.6	66.1	63.6	60.5	58.4	58.8	62.2	50.6	63.4
Feb	63.5	71.6	67.3	66.0	63.6	60.4	58.8	59.0	62.0	51.3	63.4
Mar	63.8	71.4	67.4	66.3	63.7	60.8	58.8	58.6	62.1	51.1	63.5
Apr	63.2	71.6	67.1	66.1	63.5	60.9	59.2	59.0	62.4	51.7	63.4
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Dec											
Jan-Apr06	62.5	70.5	64.9	65.8	63.5	60.1	58.8	58.2	61.4	49.7	62.9
Jan-Apr07	63.5	71.5	67.4	66.1	63.6	60.7	58.8	58.9	62.2	51.2	63.4

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Source: Statistics Canada

5a BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1997	137.5	536.4	318.4	1,007.4	27.8	47.1	20.3	96.0	133.0	461.9	249.3	853.0	20.7	36.1	16.9	74.1	270.6	998.3	567.6	1,860.5	48.6	83.1	37.2	170.1
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2006	172.7	520.1	439.8	1,160.9	17.5	21.2	16.0	56.2	176.9	465.8	376.8	1,034.5	13.9	22.3	16.1	53.4	349.6	985.9	816.6	2,195.5	31.4	43.5	32.0	109.6
2006 Jan	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
Feb	166.0	510.4	427.7	1,130.3	16.9	23.7	20.4	63.5	169.8	460.2	364.5	1,011.4	11.9	26.1	16.4	55.0	335.9	970.6	792.1	2,141.7	28.8	49.9	36.8	118.5
Mar	168.8	513.4	432.6	1,143.4	14.8	22.0	15.0	53.4	169.8	461.1	372.0	1,021.5	11.3	23.4	14.0	49.5	338.6	974.5	804.5	2,164.9	26.1	45.4	29.0	102.9
Apr	170.3	512.1	432.4	1,142.2	12.1	21.3	13.7	47.8	168.8	469.7	372.8	1,026.9	17.0	23.1	15.3	56.2	339.1	981.7	805.2	2,169.1	29.1	44.4	29.0	104.0
May	176.1	522.0	434.2	1,162.0	20.4	22.5	14.9	58.7	178.2	472.4	373.9	1,040.6	16.7	23.2	14.0	54.4	354.3	994.4	808.1	2,202.6	37.1	45.7	28.9	113.1
Jun	176.5	526.0	443.1	1,173.4	17.4	16.0	13.6	47.9	189.6	468.6	378.2	1,052.9	11.3	17.7	13.4	42.9	366.1	994.5	821.3	2,226.3	28.7	33.7	27.0	90.9
Jul	191.1	523.5	442.8	1,185.8	26.6	16.8	17.0	61.0	191.3	464.1	373.4	1,042.4	19.7	21.9	15.6	58.3	382.4	987.5	816.2	2,228.2	46.4	38.8	32.7	119.3
Aug	189.7	527.1	442.0	1,187.0	18.1	22.2	17.7	59.7	190.3	461.4	371.3	1,035.3	16.4	25.5	23.4	67.5	380.0	988.4	813.3	2,222.3	34.5	47.7	41.1	127.2
Sep	163.0	535.8	448.4	1,172.3	16.1	17.6	17.4	52.4	175.3	467.5	384.1	1,038.7	13.2	17.8	16.6	48.5	338.2	1,003.3	832.6	2,211.0	29.3	35.4	34.0	100.9
Oct	169.6	529.2	448.9	1,177.1	15.2	18.1	14.6	50.0	176.5	471.9	388.9	1,051.0	13.8	17.4	14.1	46.9	346.1	1,001.2	837.8	2,228.1	29.0	35.5	28.7	96.9
Nov	169.8	520.1	449.8	1,172.2	18.9	21.1	14.5	57.5	172.7	458.9	389.9	1,036.9	10.7	23.0	11.8	48.2	342.5	978.9	839.7	2,209.1	29.7	44.1	26.3	105.8
Dec	171.8	515.0	453.0	1,172.1	16.2	22.6	14.1	54.6	174.9	466.4	391.0	1,047.4	12.4	21.7	16.8	51.4	346.7	981.4	844.0	2,219.6	28.6	44.4	31.0	106.0
2007 Jan	170.9	520.2	453.8	1,176.5	18.2	21.3	13.8	54.7	162.1	469.5	387.0	1,036.9	16.0	18.5	21.7	57.3	333.0	989.7	840.8	2,213.4	34.1	39.8	35.6	112.0
Feb	173.8	522.4	454.7	1,182.4	16.1	20.0	15.6	54.3	167.1	467.8	383.9	1,038.8	12.9	17.6	18.3	48.8	341.0	990.2	838.6	2,221.2	29.0	37.6	33.9	103.1
Mar	175.3	524.3	457.8	1,184.6	13.4	17.4	16.3	49.2	169.6	478.4	395.0	1,061.2	11.7	16.3	13.4	41.4	344.9	1,002.7	852.8	2,245.8	25.1	33.7	29.8	90.5
Apr	176.4	527.4	455.1	1,183.1	14.3	20.3	19.4	55.7	158.1	470.9	396.5	1,042.8	14.5	19.5	17.2	51.7	334.5	998.2	851.6	2,225.9	28.7	39.8	36.6	107.4
May																								
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Average:																								
Jan-Apr06	166.4	510.5	429.0	1,132.3	15.2	24.3	17.0	58.3	168.5	464.7	367.6	1,017.3	13.1	24.9	16.7	55.6	334.9	975.2	796.6	2,149.6	28.4	49.2	33.7	113.9
Jan-Apr07	174.1	523.6	455.4	1,181.7	15.5	19.8	16.3	53.5	164.2	471.7	390.6	1,044.9	13.8	18.0	17.7	49.8	338.4	995.2	846.0	2,226.6	29.2	37.7	34.0	103.3
% Change	4.7	2.6	6.1	4.4	1.8	-18.7	-4.4	-8.3	-2.5	1.5	6.3	2.7	5.2	-27.9	5.5	-10.4	1.0	2.1	6.2	3.6	3.1	-23.4	0.7	-9.3

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1997	63.7	91.9	79.2	72.1	16.8	8.1	6.0	8.7	61.6	78.3	62.5	59.1	13.5	7.2	6.3	8.0	62.6	85.1	70.8	65.5	15.2	7.7	6.1	8.4
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2006	64.6	90.6	79.1	70.4	9.2	3.9	3.5	4.6	67.7	80.2	66.6	61.0	7.3	4.6	4.1	4.9	66.1	85.4	72.8	65.7	8.2	4.2	3.8	4.8
2006 Jan	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8
Feb	62.3	89.7	78.7	69.6	9.2	4.4	4.6	5.3	64.6	80.1	65.3	60.2	6.5	5.4	4.3	5.2	63.4	84.8	71.9	64.8	7.9	4.9	4.4	5.2
Mar	62.5	89.8	78.4	69.6	8.1	4.1	3.4	4.5	64.4	79.8	66.1	60.4	6.2	4.8	3.6	4.6	63.4	84.7	72.2	64.9	7.2	4.5	3.5	4.5
Apr	62.1	89.4	77.9	69.1	6.6	4.0	3.1	4.0	66.0	81.0	66.3	61.0	9.1	4.7	3.9	5.2	64.0	85.2	72.0	65.0	7.9	4.3	3.5	4.6
May	66.8	91.2	78.2	70.8	10.4	4.1	3.3	4.8	69.2	81.5	66.0	61.5	8.6	4.7	3.6	5.0	68.0	86.3	72.1	66.1	9.5	4.4	3.5	4.9
Jun	65.9	90.7	79.4	70.7	9.0	3.0	3.0	3.9	71.3	79.9	66.5	61.5	5.6	3.6	3.4	3.9	68.5	85.2	72.9	66.0	7.3	3.3	3.2	3.9
Jul	73.9	90.4	79.7	72.1	12.2	3.1	3.7	4.9	74.8	79.8	65.9	61.7	9.3	4.5	4.0	5.3	74.4	85.1	72.7	66.8	10.8	3.8	3.9	5.1
Aug	70.5	91.9	79.4	72.0	8.7	4.0	3.9	4.8	73.3	80.0	66.7	61.7	7.9	5.2	5.9	6.1	71.9	85.9	73.0	66.8	8.3	4.6	4.8	5.4
Sep	60.8	92.6	80.3	70.6	9.0	3.2	3.7	4.3	66.7	79.7	67.5	60.8	7.0	3.7	4.1	4.5	63.7	86.1	73.9	65.6	8.0	3.4	3.9	4.4
Oct	62.7	91.5	79.7	70.6	8.2	3.3	3.1	4.1	67.4	80.3	67.7	61.3	7.3	3.6	3.5	4.3	65.0	85.9	73.7	65.9	7.7	3.4	3.3	4.2
Nov	64.0	90.4	79.7	70.7	10.0	3.9	3.1	4.7	64.9	79.1	67.4	60.5	5.8	4.8	2.9	4.4	64.5	84.7	73.4	65.5	8.0	4.3	3.0	4.6
Dec	63.8	89.7	80.0	70.4	8.6	4.2	3.0	4.5	66.3	80.1	68.2	61.2	6.6	4.4	4.1	4.7	65.0	84.9	74.0	65.7	7.6	4.3	3.5	4.6
2007 Jan	64.1	90.4	79.8	70.6	9.6	3.9	3.0	4.4	63.0	80.1	68.2	60.8	9.0	3.8	5.3	5.2	63.6	85.2	73.9	65.6	9.3	3.9	4.1	4.8
Feb	64.4	90.5	80.1	70.8	8.5	3.7	3.3	4.4	63.7	79.6	66.9	60.4	7.2	3.6	4.5	4.5	64.0	85.0	73.4	65.5	7.8	3.7	3.9	4.4
Mar	64.0	90.3	80.6	70.5	7.1	3.2	3.4	4.0	64.1	81.1	67.8	61.2	6.5	3.3	3.3	3.8	64.0	85.7	74.1	65.8	6.8	3.3	3.4	3.9
Apr	64.6	91.3	80.4	70.7	7.5	3.7	4.1	4.5	61.0	80.4	68.5	60.6	8.4	4.0	4.2	4.7	62.8	85.8	74.4	65.6	7.9	3.8	4.1	4.6
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Jan-Apr06	61.8	89.8	78.2	69.3	8.4	4.5	3.9	4.9	64.6	80.6	65.9	60.5	7.2	5.1	4.3	5.2	63.2	85.1	72.0	64.9	7.8	4.8	4.1	5.0
Jan-Apr07	64.3	90.6	80.2	70.7	8.2	3.6	3.5	4.3	63.0	80.3	67.9	60.8	7.8	3.7	4.3	4.6	63.6	85.4	74.0	65.6	8.0	3.7	3.9	4.4

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5c BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1997	137.5	869.9	1,007.4	27.8	68.2	96.0	133.0	720.0	853.0	20.7	53.3	74.1	270.6	1,589.9	1,860.5	48.6	121.5	170.1
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2006	172.7	988.2	1,160.9	17.5	38.8	56.2	176.9	857.6	1,034.5	13.9	39.5	53.4	349.6	1,845.8	2,195.5	31.4	78.2	109.6
2006 Jan	174.1	972.2	1,146.3	15.6	41.5	57.1	172.9	849.8	1,022.7	12.9	43.7	56.6	347.0	1,822.0	2,169.0	28.5	85.2	113.7
Feb	176.3	977.7	1,154.0	15.8	37.8	53.6	175.2	847.1	1,022.3	13.1	40.1	53.2	351.5	1,824.8	2,176.3	28.9	77.8	106.8
Mar	176.9	983.2	1,160.1	15.4	34.7	50.1	176.0	851.0	1,027.0	13.7	38.6	52.4	352.9	1,834.2	2,187.1	29.1	73.3	102.4
Apr	177.7	981.3	1,159.0	13.3	33.8	47.1	177.1	855.0	1,032.1	16.4	40.3	56.7	354.8	1,836.3	2,191.1	29.7	74.1	103.8
May	174.4	982.0	1,156.3	17.8	39.0	56.8	175.0	860.7	1,035.7	13.7	38.5	52.3	349.4	1,842.7	2,192.1	31.5	77.6	109.1
Jun	168.3	985.1	1,153.4	17.9	34.7	52.6	180.7	856.7	1,037.5	11.6	35.3	46.9	349.1	1,841.8	2,190.9	29.5	70.0	99.5
Jul	171.2	986.7	1,158.0	19.4	38.9	58.3	177.9	859.7	1,037.6	13.4	38.3	51.7	349.2	1,846.4	2,195.6	32.8	77.2	110.0
Aug	171.5	990.1	1,161.6	17.1	40.9	58.0	178.1	856.8	1,034.9	13.7	39.6	53.2	349.6	1,846.9	2,196.5	30.8	80.5	111.3
Sep	168.3	995.7	1,164.0	17.7	43.7	61.4	180.0	858.7	1,038.7	13.5	37.3	50.8	348.3	1,854.4	2,202.7	31.2	81.0	112.2
Oct	170.8	998.8	1,169.5	17.9	41.2	59.1	179.2	866.5	1,045.7	14.5	36.3	50.8	350.0	1,865.2	2,215.2	32.4	77.4	109.9
Nov	171.6	1,000.5	1,172.1	22.1	40.1	62.2	174.7	863.6	1,038.3	13.9	39.6	53.5	346.3	1,864.1	2,210.4	36.0	79.7	115.6
Dec	172.1	1,004.4	1,176.5	20.7	38.6	59.2	175.5	866.5	1,042.0	16.3	46.6	62.9	347.6	1,870.9	2,218.5	37.0	85.2	122.2
2007 Jan	183.5	1,018.7	1,202.2	17.4	29.8	47.2	170.7	877.3	1,048.0	16.4	38.2	54.5	354.2	1,896.0	2,250.2	33.8	68.0	101.8
Feb	182.8	1,020.8	1,203.6	15.8	29.9	45.7	172.7	876.6	1,049.3	14.3	34.6	48.9	355.5	1,897.4	2,252.9	30.1	64.5	94.6
Mar	184.1	1,017.4	1,201.5	14.4	32.2	46.6	175.2	888.7	1,064.0	14.0	31.2	45.2	359.3	1,906.1	2,265.4	28.4	63.4	91.9
Apr	183.0	1,016.4	1,199.4	15.4	38.6	54.0	168.3	881.4	1,049.6	13.4	37.3	50.7	351.3	1,897.8	2,249.1	28.8	75.9	104.7
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Dec																		
Average:																		
Jan-Apr06	176.3	978.6	1,154.9	15.0	37.0	52.0	175.3	850.7	1,026.0	14.0	40.7	54.7	351.6	1,829.3	2,180.9	29.1	77.6	106.7
Jan-Apr07	183.4	1,018.3	1,201.7	15.8	32.6	48.4	171.7	881.0	1,052.7	14.5	35.3	49.8	355.1	1,899.3	2,254.4	30.3	68.0	98.3
% Change	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.8	-11.7	-6.9	-2.0	3.6	2.6	3.6	-13.2	-9.0	1.0	3.8	3.4	4.2	-12.4	-7.9

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1997	63.7	73.9	72.1	16.8	7.3	8.7	52.9	68.5	65.8	61.6	58.6	59.1	13.5	6.9	8.0	53.3	54.6	54.4	62.6	66.1	65.5	15.2	7.1	8.4	53.1	61.4	60.0
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2006	64.6	71.6	70.4	9.2	3.8	4.6	58.7	68.9	67.2	67.7	59.8	61.0	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.8	57.1	58.0	66.1	65.6	65.7	8.2	4.1	4.8	60.7	62.9	62.5
2006 Jan	64.6	71.4	70.2	8.2	4.1	4.7	59.3	68.4	66.9	66.1	60.0	61.0	6.9	4.9	5.2	61.5	57.1	57.8	65.3	65.6	65.5	7.6	4.5	5.0	60.4	62.6	62.3
Feb	65.4	71.4	70.4	8.2	3.7	4.4	60.0	68.7	67.2	66.9	59.5	60.7	7.0	4.5	4.9	62.3	56.8	57.7	66.1	65.3	65.5	7.6	4.1	4.7	61.1	62.6	62.4
Mar	65.5	71.4	70.4	8.0	3.4	4.1	60.2	69.0	67.5	67.4	59.6	60.9	7.2	4.3	4.9	62.5	57.0	57.9	66.4	65.4	65.6	7.6	3.8	4.5	61.3	62.9	62.6
Apr	65.0	71.1	70.1	7.0	3.3	3.9	60.5	68.8	67.3	68.7	59.9	61.3	8.5	4.5	5.2	62.9	57.2	58.1	66.8	65.4	65.6	7.7	3.9	4.5	61.7	62.9	62.7
May	65.3	71.4	70.4	9.3	3.8	4.7	59.3	68.7	67.1	67.0	60.1	61.2	7.3	4.3	4.8	62.1	57.5	58.2	66.1	65.6	65.7	8.3	4.0	4.7	60.7	62.9	62.6
Jun	63.3	71.2	69.8	9.6	3.4	4.4	57.2	68.7	66.8	68.2	59.5	60.9	6.0	4.0	4.3	64.1	57.1	58.2	65.7	65.2	65.3	7.8	3.7	4.3	60.6	62.8	62.4
Jul	64.7	71.5	70.3	10.2	3.8	4.8	58.2	68.8	67.0	67.8	59.8	61.1	7.0	4.3	4.7	63.1	57.2	58.2	66.3	65.5	65.6	8.6	4.0	4.8	60.6	62.9	62.5
Aug	64.0	71.7	70.4	9.1	4.0	4.8	58.2	68.9	67.1	68.0	59.6	60.9	7.1	4.4	4.9	63.1	56.9	57.9	65.9	65.5	65.6	8.1	4.2	4.8	60.6	62.8	62.4
Sep	63.1	72.2	70.6	9.5	4.2	5.0	57.1	69.1	67.1	68.5	59.5	60.9	7.0	4.2	4.7	63.8	57.0	58.1	65.8	65.7	65.7	8.2	4.2	4.8	60.4	62.9	62.5
Oct	64.0	72.1	70.7	9.5	4.0	4.8	58.0	69.2	67.3	68.7	59.8	61.2	7.5	4.0	4.6	63.5	57.4	58.4	66.3	65.8	65.9	8.5	4.0	4.7	60.6	63.2	62.8
Nov	65.7	72.0	70.9	11.4	3.9	5.0	58.2	69.2	67.4	66.8	59.8	60.9	7.4	4.4	4.9	61.9	57.1	57.9	66.2	65.7	65.8	9.4	4.1	5.0	60.0	63.1	62.6
Dec	65.4	72.1	70.9	10.7	3.7	4.8	58.4	69.4	67.5	67.9	60.3	61.5	8.5	5.1	5.7	62.1	57.3	58.0	66.6	66.1	66.2	9.6	4.4	5.2	60.2	63.2	62.7
2007 Jan	68.1	72.3	71.6	8.7	2.8	3.8	62.2	70.3	68.9	66.2	60.4	61.3	8.8	4.2	4.9	60.4	57.9	58.3	67.2	66.2	66.4	8.7	3.5	4.3	61.3	63.9	63.5
Feb	67.3	72.4	71.5	8.0	2.8	3.7	62.0	70.3	68.9	66.1	60.0	61.0	7.6	3.8	4.5	61.1	57.7	58.3	66.7	66.1	66.2	7.8	3.3	4.0	61.5	63.9	63.5
Mar	67.3	72.2	71.4	7.3	3.1	3.7	62.4	70.0	68.7	66.9	60.5	61.5	7.4	3.4	4.1	62.0	58.5	59.0	67.1	66.2	66.4	7.3	3.2	3.9	62.2	64.1	63.8
Apr	67.2	72.4	71.6	7.8	3.7	4.3	62.0	69.8	68.5	64.2	60.3	60.9	7.4	4.1	4.6	59.5	57.9	58.1	65.8	66.3	66.2	7.6	3.8	4.4	60.8	63.7	63.2
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Average:																											
Jan-Apr06	65.1	71.3	70.3	7.9	3.6	4.3	60.0	68.7	67.2	67.3	59.8	61.0	7.4	4.6	5.1	62.3	57.0	57.9	66.2	65.4	65.6	7.6	4.1	4.7	61.1	62.8	62.5
Jan-Apr07	67.5	72.3	71.5	8.0	3.1	3.9	62.2	70.1	68.8	65.9	60.3	61.2	7.8	3.9	4.5	60.8	58.0	58.4	66.7	66.2	66.3	7.9	3.5	4.2	61.5	63.9	63.5

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

6 BC Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1997	893.5	113.9	1,007.4	11.3	580.2	272.8	853.0	32.0	1,473.7	386.7	1,860.5	20.8
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
2006	1,022.3	138.6	1,160.9	11.9	727.8	306.7	1,034.5	29.6	1,750.2	445.3	2,195.5	20.3
						seasonally adjusted						
2006 Jan	1,018.5	127.8	1,146.3	11.1	718.2	304.5	1,022.7	29.8	1,736.7	432.3	2,169.0	19.9
Feb	1,003.6	150.4	1,154.0	13.0	710.0	312.3	1,022.3	30.5	1,713.6	462.7	2,176.3	21.3
Mar	1,014.3	145.8	1,160.1	12.6	713.9	313.1	1,027.0	30.5	1,728.2	458.9	2,187.1	21.0
Apr	1,019.8	139.3	1,159.0	12.0	728.3	303.8	1,032.1	29.4	1,748.0	443.1	2,191.1	20.2
May	1,021.1	135.2	1,156.3	11.7	730.0	305.7	1,035.7	29.5	1,751.1	440.9	2,192.1	20.1
Jun	1,015.7	137.7	1,153.4	11.9	730.2	307.3	1,037.5	29.6	1,745.9	445.0	2,190.9	20.3
Jul	1,022.9	135.1	1,158.0	11.7	724.8	312.8	1,037.6	30.1	1,747.7	447.9	2,195.6	20.4
Aug	1,027.3	134.3	1,161.6	11.6	736.4	298.5	1,034.9	28.8	1,763.7	432.8	2,196.5	19.7
Sep	1,030.5	133.5	1,164.0	11.5	742.1	296.6	1,038.7	28.6	1,772.6	430.1	2,202.7	19.5
Oct	1,034.0	135.5	1,169.5	11.6	732.3	313.4	1,045.7	30.0	1,766.3	449.0	2,215.2	20.3
Nov	1,026.4	145.7	1,172.1	12.4	727.3	311.0	1,038.3	30.0	1,753.7	456.7	2,210.4	20.7
Dec	1,033.9	142.6	1,176.5	12.1	739.3	302.7	1,042.0	29.0	1,773.2	445.3	2,218.5	20.1
2007 Jan	1,047.4	154.8	1,202.2	12.9	746.9	301.1	1,048.0	28.7	1,794.3	455.9	2,250.2	20.3
Feb	1,052.0	151.6	1,203.6	12.6	745.6	303.8	1,049.3	29.0	1,797.5	455.3	2,252.9	20.2
Mar	1,059.1	142.4	1,201.5	11.9	735.3	328.7	1,064.0	30.9	1,794.3	471.1	2,265.4	20.8
Apr	1,054.0	145.5	1,199.4	12.1	740.9	308.8	1,049.6	29.4	1,794.8	454.2	2,249.1	20.2
May												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Apr06	1,014.1	140.8	1,154.9	12.2	717.6	308.4	1,026.0	30.1	1,731.6	449.3	2,180.9	20.6
Jan-Apr07	1,053.1	148.6	1,201.7	12.4	742.2	310.6	1,052.7	29.5	1,795.2	459.1	2,254.4	20.4
% Change	3.9	5.5	4.1		3.4	0.7	2.6		3.7	2.2	3.4	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7. BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg
1997	1,860.5		417.3		34.0		54.0		9.9		196.2		123.1	
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	51.3	-5.0	11.1	12.1	195.9	-0.2	117.2	-4.8
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
2006	2,195.5	3.1	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	43.8	16.8	8.6	-16.5	197.5	-0.4	179.3	6.7
							seasonally adjusted							
2006 Jan	2,169.0		442.9		34.3		41.0		8.6		190.4		168.6	
Feb	2,176.3	0.3	459.6	3.8	36.0	5.0	39.3	-4.1	8.0	-7.0	202.1	6.1	174.3	3.4
Mar	2,187.1	0.5	467.3	1.7	36.2	0.6	39.8	1.3	7.2	-10.0	206.8	2.3	177.3	1.7
Apr	2,191.1	0.2	460.2	-1.5	35.7	-1.4	39.6	-0.5	6.6	-8.3	200.7	-2.9	177.7	0.2
May	2,192.1	0.0	460.3	0.0	35.4	-0.8	40.7	2.8	8.1	22.7	201.1	0.2	175.1	-1.5
Jun	2,190.9	-0.1	452.5	-1.7	32.3	-8.8	41.8	2.7	8.8	8.6	192.9	-4.1	176.7	0.9
Jul	2,195.6	0.2	464.2	2.6	34.2	5.9	41.9	0.2	9.2	4.5	195.1	1.1	183.7	4.0
Aug	2,196.5	0.0	461.0	-0.7	33.7	-1.5	45.1	7.6	9.0	-2.2	189.9	-2.7	183.2	-0.3
Sep	2,202.7	0.3	465.4	1.0	34.0	0.9	47.3	4.9	8.9	-1.1	192.1	1.2	183.0	-0.1
Oct	2,215.2	0.6	468.8	0.7	33.8	-0.6	47.0	-0.6	10.0	12.4	196.4	2.2	181.6	-0.8
Nov	2,210.4	-0.2	479.2	2.2	35.6	5.3	52.5	11.7	9.8	-2.0	198.6	1.1	182.7	0.6
Dec	2,218.5	0.4	483.3	0.9	36.0	1.1	48.2	-8.2	9.3	-5.1	203.2	2.3	186.5	2.1
2007 Jan	2,250.2	1.4	493.6	2.1	35.5	-1.4	52.5	8.9	7.9	-15.1	204.8	0.8	192.8	3.4
Feb	2,252.9	0.1	484.2	-1.9	35.7	0.6	48.3	-8.0	9.3	17.7	204.5	-0.1	186.5	-3.3
Mar	2,265.4	0.6	493.2	1.9	33.5	-6.2	45.2	-6.4	8.2	-11.8	215.3	5.3	190.9	2.4
Apr	2,249.1	-0.7	495.7	0.5	31.9	-4.8	49.1	8.6	8.7	6.1	211.9	-1.6	194.0	1.6
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Average:														
Jan-Apr06	2,180.9		457.5		35.6		39.9		7.6		200.0		174.5	
Jan-Apr07	2,254.4		491.7		34.2		48.8		8.5		209.1		191.1	
% Change	3.4		7.5		-3.9		22.2		12.2		4.6		9.5	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service								Public Administration	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health & Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Other Service			
	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg
1997	1,443.2		108.0		297.7		127.7		112.1		120.3		191.3		142.2		243.2		100.7	
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	122.8	9.5	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	253.2	4.1	93.8	-6.9
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	167.6	2.4	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	302.8	3.1	91.3	-4.0
									seasonally adjusted											
2006 Jan	1,726.1		124.6		355.5		128.0		166.5		152.1		210.6		179.0		312.9		97.1	
Feb	1,716.6	-0.6	128.1	2.8	363.1	2.1	129.4	1.1	171.6	3.1	151.3	-0.5	213.2	1.2	173.9	-2.8	292.7	-6.5	93.3	-3.9
Mar	1,719.8	0.2	124.9	-2.5	358.8	-1.2	132.7	2.6	166.1	-3.2	153.5	1.5	224.3	5.2	162.4	-6.6	303.7	3.8	93.5	0.2
Apr	1,730.9	0.6	123.2	-1.4	364.8	1.7	129.5	-2.4	171.4	3.2	153.0	-0.3	224.1	-0.1	167.0	2.8	304.0	0.1	94.0	0.5
May	1,731.8	0.1	121.4	-1.5	362.4	-0.7	132.3	2.2	168	-2.0	152.1	-0.6	237.3	5.9	167.8	0.5	298.9	-1.7	91.5	-2.7
Jun	1,738.4	0.4	121.3	-0.1	368.0	1.5	136.4	3.1	161.3	-4.0	154.8	1.8	243.7	2.7	167.6	-0.1	298.3	-0.2	87.1	-4.8
Jul	1,731.4	-0.4	114.5	-5.6	345.0	-6.3	141.7	3.9	162.3	0.6	160.5	3.7	245.4	0.7	166.3	-0.8	301.5	1.1	94.2	8.2
Aug	1,735.5	0.2	115.2	0.6	347.3	0.7	145.1	2.4	174	7.2	156.0	-2.8	242.1	-1.3	169.5	1.9	303.8	0.8	82.7	-12.2
Sep	1,737.3	0.1	115.3	0.1	349.1	0.5	141.1	-2.8	170.3	-2.1	157.6	1.0	238.1	-1.7	171.9	1.4	307.2	1.1	86.7	4.8
Oct	1,746.4	0.5	114.0	-1.1	344.7	-1.3	143.4	1.6	170.5	0.1	160.0	1.5	238.9	0.3	176.3	2.6	308.3	0.4	90.5	4.4
Nov	1,731.2	-0.9	114.8	0.7	345.3	0.2	148.8	3.8	164.6	-3.5	159.7	-0.2	229.1	-4.1	172.9	-1.9	301.0	-2.4	94.9	4.9
Dec	1,735.3	0.2	117.2	2.1	340.4	-1.4	147.7	-0.7	164.5	-0.1	162.3	1.6	239.2	4.4	170.8	-1.2	303.1	0.7	90.0	-5.2
2007 Jan	1,756.6	1.2	121.2	3.4	352.1	3.4	137.6	-6.8	166.8	1.4	156.1	-3.8	233.9	-2.2	179.8	5.3	313.2	3.3	96.0	6.7
Feb	1,768.7	0.7	131.3	8.3	359.1	2.0	139.9	1.7	168.9	1.3	159.9	2.4	243.2	4.0	173.1	-3.7	301.9	-3.6	91.4	-4.8
Mar	1,772.2	0.2	125.6	-4.3	355.0	-1.1	149.2	6.6	161.1	-4.6	162.9	1.9	248.5	2.2	173.5	0.2	304.2	0.8	92.2	0.9
Apr	1,753.4	-1.1	124.5	-0.9	351.5	-1.0	145.2	-2.7	163	1.2	158.7	-2.6	241.6	-2.8	167.4	-3.5	306.7	0.8	94.8	2.8
May																				
Jun																				
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Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Apr06	1,723.4		125.2		360.6		129.9		168.9		152.5		218.1		170.6		303.3		94.5	
Jan-Apr07	1,762.7		125.7		354.4		143.0		165.0		159.4		241.8		173.5		306.5		93.6	
% Change	2.3		0.4		-1.7		10.1		-2.3		4.5		10.9		1.7		1.0		-0.9	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

Source: [redacted]stics Canada

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8 BC [illegible]loyment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, [illegible]ual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1997	180.0	2.9	339.9	3.7	103.1	3.3	97.9	1.8	141.8	3.4	56.3	6.5	477.7	5.8	311.6	7.1	68.9	15.5	83.3	8.3	1,860.5	8.4
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2006	207.9	1.8	371.0	2.5	152.3	2.3	131.8	1.4	175.0	2.8	74.8	3.6	563.2	3.8	349.6	4.0	73.7	8.4	96.1	4.0	2,195.5	4.8
2006 Jan	205.8	2.0	374.7	2.8	150.6	2.5	112.6	2.0	175.6	1.1	77.9	4.9	563.0	4.3	322.9	6.0	56.5	14.1	82.8	7.9	2,122.5	5.8
Feb	214.0	1.7	375.9	2.3	152.6	2.4	116.6	1.5	175.2	2.3	79.2	2.3	543.7	4.2	331.7	5.0	62.8	10.9	90.1	6.7	2,141.7	5.2
Mar	211.7	1.6	369.1	2.7	146.5	2.6	110.2	1.3	183.3	2.7	82.4	3.3	549.3	3.4	347.7	3.7	68.9	7.6	95.9	2.9	2,164.9	4.5
Apr	204.6	0.9	372.3	2.7	157.0	1.1	113.8	1.7	172.9	1.9	75.7	2.4	560.2	3.5	346.1	4.0	74.1	7.6	92.3	3.0	2,169.1	4.6
May	203.8	1.3	375.9	2.9	155.2	2.9	127.0	1.4	180.2	2.2	79.2	2.2	560.2	3.4	345.2	4.6	77.5	9.6	98.6	2.2	2,202.6	4.9
Jun	202.7	0.4	373.4	2.2	152.7	3.0	134.7	2.2	178.6	2.1	77.4	0.6	576.1	2.6	359.6	3.3	79.1	8.3	91.9	3.4	2,226.3	3.9
Jul	204.9	1.3	376.1	2.9	146.3	3.0	140.4	1.1	161.4	4.0	72.6	2.6	567.0	3.8	376.2	4.3	82.5	7.5	100.8	4.1	2,228.2	5.1
Aug	209.3	2.1	368.9	3.0	148.7	2.3	149.0	0.9	157.6	9.9	68.8	5.5	561.1	4.6	372.9	3.2	86.4	4.4	99.6	3.3	2,222.3	5.4
Sep	205.6	3.0	362.4	2.2	155.6	2.0	146.1	1.7	175.9	2.7	73.6	3.3	556.3	4.3	358.9	3.0	74.0	5.0	102.7	3.3	2,211.0	4.4
Oct	209.3	2.3	370.1	1.6	157.1	1.6	145.8	0.9	178.7	2.4	72.2	5.0	579.9	3.7	336.9	3.2	75.4	6.5	102.7	4.7	2,228.1	4.2
Nov	209.9	2.2	363.4	2.5	152.7	2.2	143.1	1.3	179.1	1.4	67.6	4.2	574.2	4.1	346.3	4.2	74.0	9.5	98.8	3.5	2,209.1	4.6
Dec	212.7	2.9	369.6	2.5	153.0	2.1	142.2	0.8	181.4	1.7	71.3	6.6	567.5	3.8	350.8	3.2	73.5	12.0	97.7	3.3	2,219.6	4.6
2007 Jan	213.9	1.4	366.8	2.3	156.4	3.2	132.8	1.8	182.2	2.0	72.0	3.4	561.1	4.8	362.2	2.8	72.3	11.5	93.7	5.8	2,213.4	4.8
Feb	218.5	1.4	371.9	2.4	151.9	1.8	137.4	0.5	184.8	1.6	77.2	1.9	571.2	3.6	346.8	3.5	69.4	13.4	92.1	6.5	2,221.2	4.4
Mar	209.4	0.8	388.7	1.5	142.7	2.5	133.0	0.4	197.5	0.8	66.1	0.0	586.6	3.3	356.0	3.9	65.7	10.1	100.2	5.2	2,245.8	3.9
Apr	204.4	1.9	399.1	2.2	137.0	2.4	132.6	0.0	189.3	1.5	77.9	2.1	561.6	4.5	352.9	3.9	67.5	13.2	103.7	4.0	2,225.9	4.6
May																						
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Average:																						
Jan-Apr06	209.0	1.6	373.0	2.6	151.7	2.1	113.3	1.6	176.8	2.0	78.8	3.2	554.1	3.9	337.1	4.7	65.6	10.1	90.3	5.2	2,149.6	5.0
Jan-Apr07	211.6	1.4	381.6	2.1	147.0	2.5	134.0	0.7	188.5	1.5	73.3	1.8	570.1	4.0	354.5	3.5	68.7	12.1	97.4	5.4	2,226.6	4.4
% Change	1.2		2.3		-3.1		18.2		6.6		-7.0		2.9		5.2		4.8		7.9		3.6	

NOTES: *1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.*

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS ***Source: Statistics Canada***

9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1997	1,860.5	8.4	966.4	8.2	149.8	7.6	68.2	8.0	322.0	8.7	1098.9	8.2	206.1	8.3	65.3	9.3	83.3	9.8	51.8	9.0	33.1	4.6
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1,251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
2006	2,195.5	4.8	1,187.1	4.4	175.2	3.7	82.3	4.5	369.5	4.9	1,342.7	4.4	253.7	5.1	69.5	6.2	82.9	6.1	43.1	6.7	34.0	NA
									3- month moving average, actual, ending in:													
2006 Jan	2,153.1	4.9	1,163.0	4.5	167.0	4.0	81.1	5.5	356.0	5.4	1,318.7	4.6	250.3	4.1	66.8	6.4	84.7	5.8	42.4	9.4	34.2	NA
Feb	2,144.3	5.1	1,152.3	4.8	168.0	3.8	81.2	5.0	360.9	5.3	1,307.2	4.8	249.7	5.0	65.9	7.2	84.1	5.8	41.8	9.7	34.7	NA
Mar	2,143.1	5.2	1,149.3	4.8	170.5	3.8	81.4	4.9	364.1	5.3	1,304.2	4.9	249.1	5.5	66.3	6.5	83.5	6.1	41.7	9.1	34.1	NA
Apr	2,158.6	4.8	1,163.7	4.3	173.7	3.5	80.5	4.6	366.9	4.9	1,318.2	4.3	248.6	6.0	66.7	5.7	82.9	5.9	42.1	7.7	33.2	NA
May	2,178.9	4.7	1,178.8	4.2	174.6	4.1	79.7	5.7	368.2	5.1	1,333.3	4.2	252.0	5.3	66.8	4.7	82.3	6.9	43.5	6.4	32.7	NA
Jun	2,199.3	4.5	1,191.4	4.1	176.3	3.6	80.0	5.1	370.4	4.5	1,346.0	4.1	252.4	5.0	70.1	5.7	83.0	6.6	44.8	5.1	32.7	4.4
Jul	2,219.0	4.6	1,204.3	4.4	177.7	3.6	81.3	4.8	372.6	4.4	1,358.8	4.4	255.0	5.0	71.1	6.1	83.6	6.8	45.1	4.7	32.9	NA
Aug	2,225.6	4.8	1,210.7	4.5	178.5	3.5	82.7	3.9	372.9	4.6	1,364.9	4.5	254.4	6.0	72.0	6.1	83.7	6.2	44.2	5.6	33.5	NA
Sep	2,220.5	5.0	1,208.3	4.7	176.2	4.1	83.5	4.1	371.8	4.9	1,362.4	4.7	255.8	5.7	70.2	5.1	82.7	6.3	43.4	6.5	34.1	4.2
Oct	2,220.5	4.7	1,206.9	4.3	174.5	4.4	83.7	4.0	370.2	5.2	1,362.1	4.3	258.5	4.7	70.3	5.5	82.4	5.3	42.4	7.2	34.6	5.2
Nov	2,216.1	4.4	1,199.7	4.0	175.9	3.9	84.3	3.7	371.1	4.7	1,356.9	4.1	258.0	4.1	70.3	6.6	82.2	5.5	42.7	6.2	35.0	4.9
Dec	2,218.9	4.4	1,199.5	4.0	178.0	3.4	84.5	4.1	371.8	4.9	1,358.3	4.1	257.4	4.2	71.5	7.3	82.3	5.5	42.5	6.2	35.1	NA
2007 Jan	2,214.1	4.6	1,194.3	4.3	177.2	3.1	84.5	4.3	372.3	4.8	1,354.5	4.3	252.7	5.0	73.9	7.2	82.4	5.8	42.6	6.0	35.6	NA
Feb	2,218.1	4.6	1,202.5	4.1	175.1	2.9	83.5	4.7	369.6	5.3	1,363.1	4.2	251.7	5.0	74.1	6.8	81.8	5.3	41.7	7.1	36.0	NA
Mar	2,226.8	4.4	1,211.0	3.7	174.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	367.7	5.4	1,372.6	3.8	252.9	5.0	75.9	5.9	80.9	5.2	41.1	8.3	35.8	NA
Apr	2,231.0	4.3	1,211.4	3.7	176.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	368.4	5.3	1,375.1	3.8	254.8	4.5	76.5	5.7	79.7	5.2	40.4	8.6	36.1	NA
May																						
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Jul																						
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Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:									year-to-date averages are based on monthy actual data													
Jan-Apr06	2,149.6	5.0	1,156.3	4.6	171.8	3.7	80.9	5.0	364.4	5.2	1,311.0	4.7	248.7	5.7	66.6	6.0	83.0	6.4	42.2	8.4	33.7	NA
Jan-Apr07	2,226.6	4.4	1,207.6	3.9	175.4	3.2	83.1	4.8	368.5	5.3	1,370.7	4.0	253.3	4.7	76.9	5.9	80.4	5.4	40.8	8.1	36.0	NA
% Change	3.6		4.4		2.1		2.8		1.1		4.6		1.8		15.5		-3.2		-3.3		7.0	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1997	1,860.5		1,500.4		336.2		1,164.2		360.1	
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	1,474.6	-1.7	333.7	-0.7	1,140.8	-2.0	383.8	6.6
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
2006	2,195.5	3.1	1,781.8	3.9	391.2	5.8	1,390.6	3.4	413.7	-0.5
					seasonally adjusted					
2006 Jan	2,169.0		1,758.4		382.3	.	1,376.1		410.7	
Feb	2,176.3	0.3	1,767.4	0.5	375.3	-1.8	1,392.1	1.2	408.9	-0.4
Mar	2,187.1	0.5	1,770.6	0.2	382.7	2.0	1,388.0	-0.3	416.5	1.9
Apr	2,191.1	0.2	1,786.2	0.9	385.1	0.6	1,401.1	0.9	405.0	-2.8
May	2,192.1	0.0	1,792.8	0.4	388.7	0.9	1,404.1	0.2	399.2	-1.4
Jun	2,190.9	-0.1	1,801.2	0.5	392.1	0.9	1,409.0	0.3	389.7	-2.4
Jul	2,195.6	0.2	1,792.8	-0.5	397.2	1.3	1,395.5	-1.0	402.8	3.4
Aug	2,196.5	0.0	1,771.7	-1.2	391.2	-1.5	1,380.6	-1.1	424.7	5.4
Sep	2,202.7	0.3	1,776.3	0.3	399.4	2.1	1,376.9	-0.3	426.3	0.4
Oct	2,215.2	0.6	1,787.4	0.6	398.8	-0.2	1,388.6	0.8	427.9	0.4
Nov	2,210.4	-0.2	1,789.5	0.1	400.7	0.5	1,388.8	0.0	420.9	-1.6
Dec	2,218.5	0.4	1,786.8	-0.2	401.2	0.1	1,385.7	-0.2	431.7	2.6
2007 Jan	2,250.2	1.4	1,822.3	2.0	402.5	0.3	1,419.8	2.5	427.9	-0.9
Feb	2,252.9	0.1	1,829.1	0.4	404.7	0.5	1,424.4	0.3	423.8	-1.0
Mar	2,265.4	0.6	1,838.0	0.5	409.2	1.1	1,428.8	0.3	427.4	0.8
Apr	2,249.1	-0.7	1,825.2	-0.7	404.4	-1.2	1,420.8	-0.6	423.8	-0.8
May										
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Nov										
Dec										
Average:										
Jan-Apr06	2,180.9		1,770.7		381.4		1,389.3		410.3	
Jan-Apr07	2,254.4		1,828.7		405.2		1,423.5		425.7	
% Change	3.4		3.3		6.3		2.5		3.8	

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Labour Force Statistics

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Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC STATS on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations